

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT ON BILL NO. **S.1 As Amended**

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TO:	The Honorable Ronald P. Townsend, Chairperson, House Education and Public Works Committee		
FROM:	Office of State Budget, Budget and Control Board		
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SUBJECT:	Seat Belt and Child Restraint Systems - Fines		

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES:

\$0 (No additional expenditures or savings are expected)

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON FEDERAL & OTHER FUND EXPENDITURES:

\$0 (No additional expenditures or savings are expected)

BILL SUMMARY:

The Bill makes changes to the Code of Law so that a fine for violation of the seat belt could not be waived, specifies that back seat occupants of a motor vehicle are not exempt from the seat belt requirements, requires that fines go to the General Fund of the State, prohibit searches of vehicles stopped for primary seat belt violations, stipulates that seat belt conviction requires proof beyond a reasonable doubt, may be tried before judge or jury and conviction is appealable to the court of common pleas.

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT:

The Department of Motor Vehicles and the Department of Public Safety indicate that this Bill will have no impact on the General Fund of the State or Federal and/or Other Funds.

The Judicial Department

The Department indicates this Bill will have a minimal impact on the General Fund of the State, which can be absorbed by the agency at the current level of funding.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT IMPACT:

Responses from local governments indicate enactment would have no impact or minimal impact on expenditures. One locality indicated enactment could have a minimal impact on local revenue.

SPECIAL NOTES:

The Board of Economic Advisors is the appropriate entity to address any revenue impact associated with this Bill.

Approved by:



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